

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An information providing system comprising a parts information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said parts information providing system comprises:

a parts database storing parts information;

first designating means for designating parts; and

first display control means for searching said database for parts information corresponding to the parts designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprising:

a price database storing price information about parts and/or products purchased at a plurality of bases from a corresponding supplier, and information of a plurality of bases and the supplier;

second designating means for designating parts and/or products; and

second display control means for displaying price information about the parts and/or products purchased at the plurality of bases and designated by said second designating means and the corresponding information of bases and supplier on the display means.

2. (Previously Presented) An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases about the parts and/or products purchased at the plurality of bases on said display means.

3. (Previously Presented) An information providing system according to claim 2, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying information as to whether or not there is a price of parts and/or a product higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

4. (Previously Presented) An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information at other bases about the parts and/or products from said price database.

5. (Original) An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information about cost cutting information to said price database.

6. (Currently Amended) An information providing system comprising a material information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said material information providing system comprises:

a material database storing material information;

first designating means for designating materials; and

first display control means for searching said material database for material information corresponding to the materials designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprises:

a price database storing price information about materials purchased at a plurality of bases from a corresponding supplier, and information of a plurality of bases and the supplier;

second designating means for designating materials; and

second display control means for displaying the price information about the materials purchased at the plurality of bases and designated by said second designating means and the corresponding information of bases and the supplier on the display means.

7. (Previously Presented) An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases about the materials purchased at the plurality of bases on said display means.

8. (Previously Presented) An information providing system according to claim 7, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying information as to whether or not there is a price of a material higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

9. (Previously Presented) An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information at other bases about the materials from said price database.

10. (Original) An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information about cost cutting information to said price database.

11. (Currently Amended) An information providing system comprising a parts number information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said parts number information providing system comprises:

a first database storing purchase record information, and unit price history information and/or order schedule information;

first designating means for designating parts number; and

first display control means for searching said first database for purchase record information, and unit price history information and/or order schedule information corresponding to the parts number designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprises:

a price database storing price information about parts, products, and/or materials purchased at a plurality of bases from a corresponding supplier, and information of a plurality of bases and the supplier;

second designating means for designating parts, products and/or materials, and

second display control means for displaying the price information about the parts, products and/or materials purchased at the plurality of bases and designated by said second designating means and the corresponding information of bases and the supplier on the display means.

12. (Previously Presented) An information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases about the parts, products and/or materials purchased at the plurality of bases on the display means.

13. (Previously Presented) An information providing system according to claim 12, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying information as to whether or not there is a price of parts, products and/or materials higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

14. (Previously Presented) An information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information at other bases about the parts, products and/or materials from said price database.

15. (Original) An information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information about cost cutting information to said price database.

Claims 16-20 (Canceled)